

## USITC Announces Upcoming Listening Sessions

### *U.S. SME Exports: Trade-Related Barriers Affecting Exports of U.S. Small- and Medium-Sized Enterprises to the United Kingdom*

The U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) will hold 13 listening sessions across the United States to gather information for use in its upcoming report to the U.S. Trade Representative concerning trade-related barriers that U.S. small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) experience when exporting to the United Kingdom.

Specifically, the USITC is seeking information from U.S. SMEs on trade-related barriers that they believe disproportionately affect their exports to the United Kingdom, as compared to larger U.S. firms. This particularly interests the Commission, considering the uncertainty caused by the approaching withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union.

Interested small- and medium-sized enterprise exporters are invited to participate in the listening sessions. A schedule of listening sessions is listed below; to register, simply click on the registration link for the event that interests you.

The USITC is grateful for the substantial logistical assistance provided by the U.S. Small Business Administration in arranging these listening sessions and the significant assistance of the U.S. Department of Commerce's Commercial Service in coordinating the listening session event in Salt Lake City, UT. The Commission thanks these agencies as well as U.S. Export Assistance Centers, Small Business Development Centers, and District Export Councils for their ongoing outreach efforts and help in identifying potential exporters who may have an interest in participating in the fact-gathering sessions.

For more information, see: [Federal Register Notice](#)

City	Date/Time	Venue	Register
<b>Chicago, IL</b>	Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2018; 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Small Business Development Center The Industrial Council of Near West Chicago 320 N. Damen Ave. Chicago, IL 60612	<a href="#">Link</a>
<b>Cleveland, OH</b>	Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2018; 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	US Bank Centre Lower Level Auditorium 1350 Euclid Avenue Cleveland, OH 44115	<a href="#">Link</a>
<b>Pittsburgh, PA</b>	Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018; 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Duquesne University Small Business Development Center 108 Rockwell Hall 600 Forbes Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15282	<a href="#">Link</a>
<b>Boston, MA</b>	Friday, Dec. 7, 2018;	State Transportation Building 2nd Floor, Conference Center	<a href="#">Link</a>

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<i>NOTE – USITC Listening Session in conjunction with Massachusetts Export Center's Export Expo</i>	12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	10 Park Plaza Boston, MA 02116	
<b>Seattle, WA</b>	Monday, Dec. 3, 2018; 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	U.S. Small Business Administration Seattle District Office 2401 Fourth Avenue, Suite 450 Seattle, WA 98121	<a href="#">Link</a>
<b>San Francisco, CA</b>	Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2018; 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	U.S. Small Business Administration 455 Market St., Suite 600 San Francisco, CA 94105	<a href="#">Link</a>
<b>San Diego, CA</b>	Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2018; 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	U. S. Small Business Administration 550 West C Street, Suite 550 San Diego, CA 92101	<a href="#">Link</a>
<b>Los Angeles, CA</b>	Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018; 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Port of Los Angeles Board Meeting Room 425 South Palos Verdes Street San Pedro, CA 90731	<a href="#">Link</a>
<b>Houston, TX</b>	Monday, Dec. 3, 2018; 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Greater Houston Partnership Tower 701 Avenida de las Americas, Suite 900 Houston, TX 77010	<a href="#">Link</a>
<b>Dallas, TX</b>	Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2018; 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2018; 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	8828 N. Stemmons Freeway Suite 550-B Dallas, TX 75247	<a href="#">Link</a>
<b>Louisville, KY</b>	Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018; 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Chef Space 1812 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd. Louisville, KY 40203	<a href="#">Link</a>
<b>Charleston, SC</b>	Friday, Dec. 7, 2018; 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Charleston County Public Services Building Lonnie Hamilton III (P.S.B.) 4045 Bridge View Drive Charleston, SC 29405	<a href="#">Link</a>
<b>Salt Lake City, UT</b> <i>NOTE – USITC Listening Session in conjunction with Discover Global Markets Event</i>	Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018 Time TBD	Hilton Salt Lake City Center 255 South West Temple Salt Lake City, UT 84101	<a href="#">Link</a>